



SPECIAL MESSAGE from the Director

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

WASHINGTON, DC 20226

I am pleased to furnish you the 26th edition of State Laws and Published Ordinances – Firearms (ATF P 5300.5). This publication is designed to help you comply with Federal and State firearms laws. Specifically, it will assist you in complying with the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA). This act prohibits licensees from selling or delivering a firearm to a nonlicensee whose receipt or possession of the firearm would violate State or local laws applicable at the place of sale or delivery. In addition, this book will assist you in making lawful over-the-counter sales of long guns to out-of-State residents – transactions that must meet the legal requirements of your State of residence and the purchaser's State of residence.

State Laws and Published Ordinances – Firearms also includes a "Ready Reference Table" to provide you with additional assistance for your business operations. When deciding whether to make a sale, you should first consult the full text of the State requirements, and if appropriate, contact State and local authorities before making a decision.

As a Federal Firearms Licensee, you play the critical role of ensuring that only eligible persons are able to acquire firearms from you. Your acquisition and disposition records, Forms 4473, and Reports of Multiple Sales or Other Dispositions of Handguns, have proven invaluable to law enforcement agencies at all levels of government in tracing firearms involved in crime.

If you have any questions concerning major issues affecting the daily conduct of your business, you may call these numbers with regard to the following.

NICS checks: Contact the FBI NICS Operations Center at 1-877-444-6427.

Your Federal firearms license or renewal application: Contact our National Licensing Center at (404) 417-2750 or toll free at 1-866-662-2750.

Federal firearms laws or regulations: Contact the ATF Industry Operations field office nearest you. A complete alphabetical listing is located on pages vi-viii of this publication.

Stolen or lost firearms, including National Firearms Act weapons: Contact 1-888-930-9275 or ATF's 24-hour hotline 1-800-800-3855. If you have knowledge of any unlawful activities concerning firearms contact 1-800-ATF-GUNS.

Interpretation of a State or local law or ordinance: Contact your State police, local law enforcement authority, or your State Attorney General's office (see pages ix - x).

Reports of multiple sales of handguns on ATF Form 3310.4 should be mailed to the address indicated on the form or faxed to (1-877-283-0288) the ATF National Tracing Center and to the designated Chief Law Enforcement Officer where your business is located. (You must retain the third copy as part of your permanent records.)

If you are going out of business with no successor, you are required to ship your firearms records to the ATF Out-of-Business Records Center, 244 Needy Road, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

Materials and ideas for future editions of this publication are welcome and may be sent to the ATF Firearms Programs Division, Attention: Chief, Firearms Enforcement Branch, Room 7400, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226.

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